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City Manager's Report
November 14, 2023 City Council Meeting
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Item #: 7.8

Subject: Consider ratifying a restricted grant agreement with the State of California, appropriating state and local match funds, and authorizing staff to release a Request for Proposals for consulting services for the Cedar Ravine Road Multimodal Study project (CIP #42422).

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution:

1. Ratifying a restricted grant agreement with the State of California for Sustainable Communities Grant in the amount of \$167,634 for the Cedar Ravine Road Multimodal Study project (CIP #42422); and
2. Approving budget appropriations in State Sustainable Communities Grant funds in the amount of \$167,634 and a local match in the amount of \$21,719 from Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account unassigned funds for the said project; and
3. Authorizing staff to release a Request for Proposals for consulting services for the said project.

Purpose: The purpose of this item is to take the initial steps needed to create the Cedar Ravine Road Multimodal Study Project.

Strategic Plan Strategy: Strategy 4 – Update and Maintain City-Owned Infrastructure.

Background: Cedar Ravine Road is a narrow, two-lane, minor arterial roadway that typically carries about 8,500 vehicles per day. Cedar Ravine Road provides a regional connection between downtown Placerville and Pleasant Valley Road in El Dorado County. Within City Limits, the paved width of Cedar Ravine Road is very narrow, lacks roadway shoulders, sidewalks, and bicycle facilities, and the Cedar Ravine Creek runs along the west side of the street. Cedar Ravine Road is primarily surrounded by residences, and some office/business uses. Given the proximity to downtown Placerville, Sierra School, and Marshall Medical Center, it is a corridor utilized by all roadway users, including bicycles and pedestrians.

In 2022, the City applied for and was awarded State Sustainable Communities Competitive Grant funding for the Cedar Ravine Road Multimodal Study. The planning-level study will analyze and make recommendations for improved multimodal access and connectivity in the Cedar Ravine Road corridor from Main Street to Lions Park. The study will develop conceptual plans and cost estimates that the City can utilize to implement improvements in the future. The plan supports state and regional goals of reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, maximizing mobility and accessibility, preserving, and ensuring a sustainable regional transportation system, and protecting the environment and health.

On October 20, 2022, the City and Caltrans entered into a Restricted Grant Agreement establishing the terms of the project funding.

Discussion: Staff has determined that it is necessary to procure consulting services to complete the study and fulfill the requirements of the grant. Since it is a planning study, the El Dorado County Transportation Commission will also provide support to the City throughout the development of the project. Below is a tentative milestone project schedule, assuming Council’s approval to move forward with staff’s recommendations:

Release an RFP for Consulting Services	December 2023
Award Agreement for Consulting Services	February 2024
Draft Multimodal Study	November 2024
Final Multimodal Study	January 2025

Given the constrained existing roadway prism, limitations on road widening, and proximity to the Cedar Ravine Creek, staff is also planning to include a hydrology/hydraulics study as part of the Cedar Ravine Road Multimodal Study. The hydrology/hydraulics study will help determine the potential impacts the proposed alternatives have on the watershed and creek water surface elevation to the adjacent properties in the area. This will also include considerations to the City’s existing sewer collection system located within the Cedar Ravine Creek channel.

Options:

1. Approve the actions as recommended by staff.
2. Provide other direction to staff.

Environmental: Not applicable for this phase of the project.

Cost: There is no cost associated with this item, aside from staff time to prepare and release the Request for Proposals.

Budget Impact: This project was not included in the adopted Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. On October 28, 2022, staff received authorization of state Sustainable Communities Grant funding for the project in the amount of \$167,634. Staff respectfully requests that the City Council approve the \$167,634 budget appropriation in Sustainable Communities Grant funds and a \$21,719 in local match Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) unassigned funds for a total proposed project budget of \$189,353.



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Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution

Attachment B: Project Area Exhibit